

**I CLAIM:**

1. A shoelace fastener for a shoe, the shoe including a shoe body with a pair of eyelet tabs, and a shoelace strung on the eyelet tabs and having a pair of distal  
5 lace segments, said shoelace fastener comprising:

a clamp unit including at least one generally U-shaped flexible string section defining an opening, and at least one clamp member attached slidably to and extending across said flexible string section to divide  
10 said opening into a first aperture and a second aperture, said flexible string section having a U-bend which cooperates with said clamp member to confine said second aperture, said clamp member being slidable along said flexible string section between a clamping  
15 position in which said clamp member moves toward said U-bend to clamp a corresponding one of the distal lace segments against said U-bend for maintaining a tightened state of the shoe, and a releasing position in which said clamp member moves away from said U-bend  
20 to permit sliding movement of the corresponding one of the distal lace segments for loosening the shoe accordingly; and

a pull lace connected to said flexible string section for pulling said flexible string section so  
25 that said clamp member slides along said flexible string section to said releasing position.

2. The shoelace fastener as claimed in Claim 1, wherein

said first aperture is adapted to receive an entry part of the corresponding one of the distal lace segments of the shoelace, said second aperture being adapted to receive an exit part of the corresponding one of the distal lace segments of the shoelace, said clamp member pressing the exit part of the corresponding one of the distal lace segments of the shoelace against said U-bend of said flexible string section when said clamp member is in said clamping position, said U-bend being attached to said pull lace.

3. The shoelace fastener as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said clamp member has two opposite ends respectively formed with slots, said flexible string section extending through said slots.

4. The shoelace fastener as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said clamp unit includes a pair of said flexible string sections connected to each other, and a pair of said clamp members respectively attached to said flexible string sections.

5. The shoelace fastener as claimed in Claim 4, wherein said pull lace includes a pair of interconnected loops.

6. The shoelace fastener as claimed in Claim 5, further comprising a positioning seat attached to said pull lace between said loops, each of said flexible string sections being connected to said positioning seat and extending beneath a corresponding one of said loops, each of said flexible string sections having said

U-bend attached to a corresponding one of said loops.

7. The shoelace fastener as claimed in Claim 6, wherein said positioning seat is riveted to said pull lace.

5 8. The shoelace fastener as claimed Claim 6, wherein said positioning seat includes two anchoring holes and a string passage, said flexible string sections being formed from a single string which passes through said string passage and which is bent to form said U-shaped flexible string sections on two sides of said  
10 positioning seat, said single string having two anchoring end portions, which are respectively anchored to said anchoring holes.

9. The shoelace fastener as claimed in Claim 6, further comprising a tying lace fixed to and extending around  
15 said positioning seat.

10. The shoelace fastener as claimed in Claim 5, further comprising a tying lace which extends around said pull lace and said clamp unit where said loops are interconnected and where said flexible string sections  
20 are interconnected, both of said pull lace and said clamp unit being fixed directly to said tying lace.

11. The shoelace fastener as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said pull lace includes a loop connected to said flexible string section of said clamp unit at said  
25 U-bend.

12. The shoelace fastener as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said clamp unit further includes a blocking unit which

is attached to and which extends across said flexible string section, and which is disposed between said clamp member and said U-bend.

5 13. The shoelace fastener as claimed in Claim 4, further comprising a tying knot connected to said flexible string sections between said openings of said flexible string sections, said pull lace having two string segments extending outward from said knot.

10 14. The shoelace fastener as claimed in Claim 13, wherein each of said string segments is a single-line string segment.